

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4851, Continuing Extension Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2331–S2397

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3208–3220, and S. Res. 483–487. **Page S2377**

Measures Reported:

S. 3031, to authorize Drug Free Communities enhancement grants to address major emerging drug issues or local drug crises, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3217, A original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices. **Pages S2376–77**

Measures Passed:

Continuing Extension Act: By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 117), Senate passed H.R. 4851, to provide a temporary extension of certain programs, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 85 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 115), McCain Modified Amendment No. 3724 (to Amendment No. 3721), expressing the sense of the Senate that the Value Added Tax is a massive tax increase that will cripple families on fixed income and only further push back America’s economic recovery and the Senate opposes a Value Added Tax.

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Baucus Modified Amendment No. 3721, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2341–57, S2363–67**

Rejected:

Coburn Amendment No. 3726 (to Amendment No. 3721), to pay for the full cost of extending additional unemployment insurance and other Federal

programs. (By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 113), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2341, S2345–46**

Coburn Amendment No. 3727 (to Amendment No. 3721), to pay for the full cost of extending additional unemployment insurance and other Federal programs. (By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2341–45, S2346**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 116), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Baucus Modified Amendment No. 3721 (listed above). **Page S2365**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn. **Page S2365**

National Public Works Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 484, designating the week of May 16 through May 22, 2010, as “National Public Works Week”. **Pages S2393–95**

Financial Literacy Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 485, designating April 2010 as “Financial Literacy Month”. **Pages S2393–95**

2010 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 486, supporting the mission and goals of the 2010 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime in the United States, no matter the country of origin or creed of the victim, and to commemorate the National Crime Victims’ Rights Week theme referred to as “Crime Victims’ Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect.”. **Pages S2393–95**

Honoring the Coal Miners Who Perished in West Virginia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 487, honoring the coal miners who perished in the Upper Big Branch Mine-South in Raleigh County, West Virginia, extending the condolences of the United